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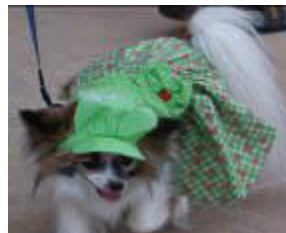
Well we did it again. That is have another great Rally in Kansas. If you were unable to make the trip, please know that you were truly missed. We were able to visit with old friends and build new relationships with some new fellow RVers. Our Rallies are always a great opportunity to meet people with like interests. No matter who attends our Rallies, or where they are held, we always create fond memories and friendships that will remain with us for all time. I was reading in some of the publications that we receive that the US Congress has officially recognized June as "RV Centennial Month". This year commemorates 100 years of RV enjoyment. With that in mind, we need to pass on the excitement to our fellow Monaco America members and invite them to get involved. The fun starts when the members become involved. Open those lines of communication and let fellow members know that we miss them at our Rallies and want them to join us in the fun and fellowship. We are always looking for ways to make these Rallies better. We look for ways to improve, and to do that we need the members input. We want to know what you want. Let any of the officers and other staff know what's on your mind. So what do you say? Get in your Monaco and make plans to attend the Rally in Tucson. Come and join us.

We had our drawing again for the "Free Ride" to Tucson by having twenty plus to register for the Fall Rally. This "Free Ride" was won by Floyd and Joyce Cook. Congratulations !!!

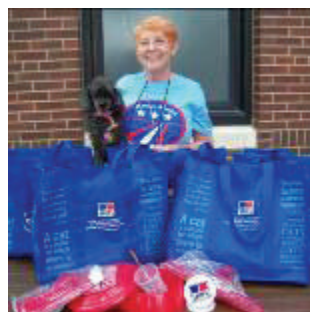


Nancy Cormier Pet Show

Thanks to the generosity of Hill's Science Diet and Del Monte, we received several boxes for our pet show. These items were acquired by Judy Cote, and given to Carol Lenoir and Betty Hamilton to distribute to our four-legged friends that participated in the pet show. The response was great, and our pets had the opportunity to check out the other pets. They were all well behaved. We had some that came dressed for the party.



The Rally dog show has become a favorite, and our four legged travel buddies seem to have lots of fun as well as their owners. We will continue the show in Tucson with it's namesake "Nancy Cormier" making an appearance (hopefully). We will try some different things. We are working on some categories for winning awards. Some might be: Longest Distance Traveled, Shortest Distance Traveled, Coach with the Most Pets, Smallest pet, Largest Pet, Pet that Most Resembles Owner, and so on. So with these in mind, get your pets ready for Tucson. See you there.



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Puzzle completed at Rally by members

Special points of interest:

- Rally Application
- Upcoming Rally Schedule
- New Officers and Financial Statement

From The “New” President’s Coach

By: Gary Granat, Monaco America



Gary and Carole Granat

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I'm not sure where to begin, but here goes. Carole & I want to thank everyone of you for your support and help during the past 7 years and 13 rallies. As everyone knows, rallies would not exist except for volunteers. Boy all the memories; Cereland, our tractor drivers in the rain, and our surprise entertainers, Ron & Kay Rivoli; Avi in Laughlin, NV with record rain; two times in Goshen, IN where we set the standard for catering with the Das Dutchman Essenhaus; Bowling Green, KY, our only rain free rally; Rayne, LA, with Suzette the delightful lady we dealt with in City Hall and the gentleman known as "Foot" who made sure all our needs were met in the building and RV park. Who could forget the auction organized by Joanne Stone and the most grateful charity that benefited by our very generous members; the Voyager in Tucson where we had a female version of Dick Tracy; Amana, IA where we watched the storms go by and saw Doris Highsmith enjoying a stroll through water in her Crocks and our caterer in galoshes as they brought our food in from their kitchen trailer. It is, unfortunately, where we also unknowingly said good-bye to a dear friend and dedicated member, Dave Cormier; Urbanna, VA, where we made a run on their jackets and had the opportunity to visit Williamsburg,

Yorktown & Jamestown; Claremore, OK, where Peggy Hancock won big in bingo; Gulf Shores, AL, where many of us really enjoyed the seafood; Kerrville, TX the great margaritas and where Carole & I purchased our Camelot; Hutchinson, KS where we passed the Wagon Master baton on to Bill Stone. I, also remember the several times that Nancy Stone handled our Welcome Gathering with the preparation of wonderful food to the delight of our taste buds. What a ride, great fun, made so by the many many friends we've made along the way and too many memories to even begin to count, thanks you all.

Now we move forward. Our club will be 10 years old next year, we have certainly come a long way. Started as a Monaco Coach Corporation sponsored club to now being a stand alone club, Monaco America is as strong as ever. Just look at our achievements; we have a great Newsletter, with a very capable editor, Carol Lenoir, and look at our new web site that Bert & Kathy Garcia developed for us. Two excellent means of sharing information with our widely spread members. Our Ladies' Tea sponsors local charities at each of our rallies that bring so much good to the hosting community. We are so proud of our ladies. Last, but not certainly least, I thank my wife Carole for all her help, which was and is crucial.

Now as I take on the responsibilities of your club's president, I know I can count on your continued support. I need your input, to insure that we, as a great social club, remain viable and fun to be a part of.

Right now we have the immediate need for two chairpersons; Decorating & the Bar function. When at the rallies, there is never a shortage of volunteers, but we seem to have difficulty in getting someone to take on chair positions. If you have interest in either of these positions, please let Bill Stone and me know at once. If we

want to continue the Bar function, we must have a new Chairperson(s) at our Fall Rally in Tucson this coming October. That way, this person(s) can work with Tom & Judy Cote and assume the responsibility from there on. We don't want this fun function to disappear, so please someone volunteer, it won't take a bunch of your time.

Our Chairpersons for Tucson are:

Parking: Bill Osmus

Bar operation: Tom & Judy Cote, hopefully with understudy replacements

Information/Registration: Jeanette Naumann

Decorating: currently open, **please** volunteer

Ladies' Tea: Nancy Phares & Carole Granat

Pet Show-Off: Carol Lenoir & hopefully, Nancy Cormier

Creative Crafts Coordinator: Carole Granat

We, also, know that you will give Bill & Nancy Stone the same level of support afforded Carole & I. I guarantee Bill will serve you well.

We are taking an extended trip this summer, Canada & Alaska and expect to be gone for about 75 days. I'm certain that we will be out of touch at least for some of the days of our travels, so enjoy your summer as we expect to do also.

Again, thank you all from the bottom of our hearts.

God Bless you and God Bless America and Canada.

Until we meet in Tucson, travel safe,

Gary & Carole Granat



Monaco America Website



Our new website is at MonacoAmerica.com. It has a wealth of information for club members, and it's waiting for you to check it out. You'll find the latest rally information, including rally applications; and there's a rally calendar that shows you all Monaco and FMCA rallies at a glance, not just Monaco America rallies.

You'll find an up to date membership roster that you can read, save or print. There is a membership directory with a page for each member. You can personalize your page with comments and photos. There's also a list of our current club leadership with their contact information.

Looking for a back issue of our club newsletters? No problem. All club newsletters are on the website ready for you to read, save or print.

We have an extensive photo album with over 1,000 photos now online. You can view them, play a slideshow or download them to your computer for printing.

Our website has an open forum where members can discuss topics or post for sale ads. Only Monaco America members can post comments on the forum, so the discussions will stay focused on topics that interest the membership.

Keep in touch with Monaco America via our website. Make sure our online membership roster has your current email address. You can use the Contact form on the website to update your email address. Have questions about the website? Send them to webmaster@monacoamerica.com.

Bert Garcia

*Boy did we have
some fun !!!*





**Rally in the Beautiful
Arizona Desert
Monaco America 2010
Fall Rally Application**



Beaudry RV Resort, Tucson, Arizona

Monday, October 4, through Thursday, October 7, 2010

Please circle all items that apply:

Cost:	Coach & 2 persons	345.00
	Coach & 1 person	295.00
	Extra person (over age 12)	100.00
	Extra person (under age 12)	80.00
	Passport for 2 persons*	275.00
	Non-Member Fee**	25.00
	Other Brand Coach Fee***	50.00
	Total	_____

Make check payable to Monaco America
 Mail to: Monaco America
 5830 NW Expressway
 Box 117
 Oklahoma City, OK 73132

Questions about the rally should be addressed to the Wagon Master.
 Bill Stone
 Phone: (405)990-1691
 E-mail: bnstone6@aol.com

Registration deadline: September 27, 2010.
 Cancellation request must be received by
 September 20, 2010 for full refund.

Last Name: _____ First Person: _____ Second Person: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ E-mail: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Coach #: _____ FMCA #: _____

Coach Model: _____ Handicapped?^ Yes ___ No ___ First Timer: Yes ___ No ___

Mail rally packet: ___ or Hold rally packet at will call: ___ (All applications received after 9/1/10 will not be mailed but will be held at will call.)

Rally price includes 4 nights (Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu) camping with full hookups; Welcome Gathering; 3 breakfasts; 3 evening meals, entertainment; vendors; seminars; social/cocktail hours; Ladies Tea; craft classes (additional cost may apply for craft classes) and all the fun that is a Monaco America Rally. (Early arrivals prior to Monday, October 4, or stays past Thursday, October 7, will require a reservation directly with the Beaudry RV Resort at the rally rate of \$29.00 per night. For reservations for extra nights call (866)509-2118 or go to beaudryrvresort.com.

***Handicapped:** Must have a state issued handicapped placard displayed on your coach.
***Passport attendees** are eligible for all meals, entertainment, seminars and exhibits. No camping is included in this package.
****Persons** owning a Monaco Coach who are not members of Monaco America will be charged a \$25.00 non-member fee. This fee will be applied to the first years membership in Monaco America.
*****Persons** owning any brand of motor coach, other than Monaco, may attend as the guest of a member but will be charged and additional \$50.00

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(Results of elections held at Kansas Rally)

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(Not in photo: Carrol Henestofel)

Monaco America Club Accounts 2009 Income/Expense Report

Beginning Balance		108,932.58
Income:		
Dues	7,895.00	
Sales	285.00	
Bank Int	1,536.96	
Total Income:		9,716.96
Expenses:		
Bank Chrg	18.95	
Newsletter	1,632.95	
Office Supplies	862.21	
Mail	1,784.50	
Name Badges	188.30	
Website	506.53	
Misc	425.84	
Rally subsidies	7,181.98	
Total Expenses:		(12,547.68)
Ending Balance:		106,101.86*
*Checking Account:	10,285.39	
Savings Account:	95,816.47	



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This is my last note you all with my Wagon Master hat on, it's been fun.

We had 51 coaches signed for Hutchinson, but ended up with 48 in attendance. Three of our members had to cancel for various reasons. Even so, it turned out to be an excellent rally. The weather was for the most part great, with the only rain occurring twice at night. We also had two vendors

From the "Old" Wagon Master's Coach

By: Gary Granat, Monaco America

that had to cancel at the last minute for very personal reasons. We still had a nice mix, considering the size of our rally. We certainly had some outstanding seminars; Bert Garcia's on the Monaco America web site, Bob Allen's on digital photography, Floyd Cook's on the thermostat use and maintenance, Ed Proctor's on fuel economy, plus several by our vendors. Ed Proctor even did a fill in for Elmer Franklin's slot, a repeat of his Pak brake seminar. Since Ruth & Chuck Parker had to cancel, Cookie Baker & Ernie Robertson each handled roundtable discussions. Dale Lemons even gave us a wood turning demonstration and displayed many of his fine turnings. We had quite full days.

Tons of wonderful prizes were awarded during our "Country Fair" and we had many door prizes that members brought to share and were drawn for prior to dinner each

night. The Rivolis, what can I say, they were superb as usual, with their Gospel hour on Tuesday and their Revue on Wednesday. Our caterer, Susan Bernard did a good job of satisfying our appetites and Nancy Stone's bake potato night on Tuesday was a big hit.

As usual, many of us found some neat eateries in the area, including the Amish one in Yoder. Many of our members also visited the Salt Museum and the Cosmosphere in Hutchinson.

Now we're going down the road to Tucson for our Fall Rally at the Beaudry RV Resort as Bill Stone takes over as your Wagon Master, you are in good hands.

See you in Tucson,
Gary



Ladies Tea

At the Ladies Tea in Hutchinson, we sponsored the Children's Emergency Shelter Home, Inc. Their President, Ben Muci and the Executive Director, Karen Washburn were there to represent CESH. Mr. Muci told us about the home. Their "Goal" is to provide a short-term residence until a child can return home, be placed in foster care, or be placed in a permanent residence. Their "Mission" is to provide a safe, secure, loving environment to children removed from their home through no fault of their own.

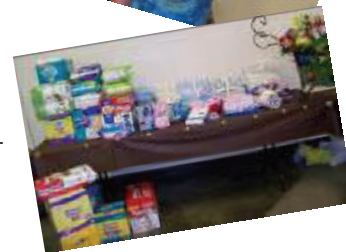
Judy Cote went to school with Ben. It was good to help a "friend" we know that gives so much of themselves back to their community. Mr. Muci said he was just in awe of how generous our group had been with needs of the children.

Hopefully the ladies enjoyed the tea because they didn't have to bring a dish. Joyce had baked many tea favorites like - coffeecake, scones, muffins, biscotti, tea breads, and other yummy specialties. It was a "True Tea", and they were all delicious and interesting. Joyce and I want to thank everyone for such a wonderful turnout, and how generous you all were with your donations for the giveaways.

Judy Wagner/Joyce Osmus

News about Tucson Charity **** more in next newsletter ****

Carole spoke to Liz Taggart at the *Gospel Rescue Mission* and these are their needs: Household items such as sheets (twin size), towels and washcloths (no blankets at this time), Coffeepots, toasters and small microwaves, all types of household and all purpose cleaners.





Monaco America Board



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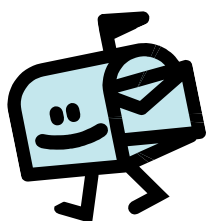
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**Articles for the Fall
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Email: oldchief1@sbcglobal.net

(Make checks payable to Monaco America)

Did you pay
your MA
dues?





Mark your calendars now for the upcoming Monaco America Rallies!

Fall 2010

Beaudry RV

Tucson, AZ

Oct. 4th. Through Oct. 7th., 2010

(Application for above rally is on pg. 4 of this newsletter)



Spring 2011

Guadalupe River RV Resort

Kerrville, Texas

May, 16th. Through May 19th., 2011



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